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**UTILITY APPLICATION AND FEE TRANSMITTAL (1.53(b))**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

First named Inventor  
or Application Identifier: Ichiro ONUKI

For: IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS AND METHOD CAPABLE OF MERGING  
FUNCTION FOR OBTAINING HIGH-PRECISION IMAGE BY SYNTHESIZING  
IMAGES AND IMAGE STABILIZATION FUNCTION

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 168 page(s) of specification, 1 page(s) of Abstract, 23 page(s) of claims  
☒ 50 sheets of drawing (Figs. 1-56) ☒ formal ☐ informal  
☒ 6 page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☐ Unsigned  
☐ Newly Executed  
☒ Copy from prior application

☐ Deletion of inventors including Signed Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2)

☒ Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the combined declaration and power of attorney is supplied herein, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is incorporated herein by reference.

☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) of Sequence Listing

- ☐ computer readable disk containing Sequence Listing  
☐ Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) that computer and paper copies of the Sequence Listing are the same

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☒ [ X ] Assignment Papers (assignment cover sheet and assignment documents)

☐ [ ] A check in the amount of \$40.00 for recording the Assignment.

☒ [ X ] Assignment papers filed in parent application Serial No. 08/996,287.

☐ [ ] Certification of chain of title pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).

☒ [ X ] Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 for:  
Application No(s). 8-349310 & 8-349311, filed 12/27/1996, in Japan (country).

☐ [ ] Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) [ ]

☐ [ ] filed herewith

☒ [ X ] filed in parent application Serial No. 08/996,287, filed 12/22/1997.

☐ [ ] English translation document(s) [ ]

☐ [ ] filed herewith

☐ [ ] filed in application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ [ ] Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for:  
Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ [ ] Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 for:  
Application No(s). \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ [ ] Information Disclosure Statement

☐ [ ] Copy of \_\_\_\_\_ cited references

☐ [ ] Preliminary Amendment

☒ [ X ] Return receipt postcard (MPEP 503)

☒ [ X ] This is a [ ] continuation [X] divisional [ ] continuation-in-part (C-I-P) of prior application  
serial no. 08/996,287, filed 12/22/1997, now allowed \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ [ X ] Cancel in this application original claims 1-38 of the parent application before calculating the  
filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

☐ [ ] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this Amendment have been properly  
numbered consecutively beginning with the number following the highest numbered original claim in the  
prior application.

☒ [ X ] The status of the parent application is as follows:

☐ [ ] A Petition For Extension of Time and a Fee therefor has been or is being filed in the parent  
application to extend the term for action in the parent application until \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ [ ] A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time in the co-pending parent application is attached.

☒ [ X ] No Petition For Extension of Time and Fee therefor are necessary in the co-pending parent  
application.

☐ [ ] Please abandon the parent application at a time while the parent application is pending or at a time when  
the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and while this application is pending has  
been granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending.

☐ Transfer the drawing(s) from the parent application to this application.

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
This is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 08/996,287, filed December 22, 1997.

I. CALCULATION OF APPLICATION FEE				
	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee \$ 740.00 / \$370.00
Total Claims	24 - 20 =	4 x	\$18.00/\$9.00	\$ 72.00
Independent Claims	6 - 3 =	3 x	\$84.00/\$42.00	\$ 252.00
Multiple Dependent Claims		If marked, add fee of \$270.00 (\$135.00)		\$ 0.00
TOTAL:				\$1,064.00

☐ A statement claiming small entity status is attached or has been filed in the above-identified parent application and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a) is hereby claimed. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(F) (50% of total) paid herewith \$\_\_\_\_\_.

☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in payment of the application filing fees is attached.

☒ Charge Fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4408US1. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4408US1. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

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